

REMARKS

Claims 3-6, 9-18, 28, 30-38 and 40-50 are pending in this application.

Claims 3-6, 9-18, 28, 30-38 and 40-48 are allowed. Applicants wish to take this opportunity to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

By this amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 49 and 50 without prejudice or disclaimer.

No new matter has been introduced as a result of this Amendment. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the currently pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph:

Claims 49 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have cancelled Claims 49 and 50.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

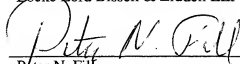
If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided..

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 504827, Order No. 1004289-252US.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 504827, Order No. 1004289-252US.

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